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me hither, for which service I paid

him a triffe. And so there is, and so there is, cried the lunatic, "but the price was for my advice, not for the leading hith-er. I must get my pay for that yet. Aye, there's cattle for sale here, and

Aye, there's cattle for sale here, and I'm the market man."

"Peace to you folly," cried the captain, scowling. Then, curtly, to the horsenian, "Dismount!" Armstrong sprang to the ground,

"Your sword," demanded the officer. The weapon was handed to him.

"Do cattle dealers in your country carry arms?"

"T ask to see you papers giving your

"I ask to see you papers giving you permission to travel in England."
"I have none. Scotland is at peace with England, and a citizen of my country should not require papers in visiting England, any more than an Englishman would need the same to go from one end of Scotland to the other."

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"Humph!" growled the captain, "ou are well versed in the law. I hope yet are engaged in no enterprise that is contrary to it."

"I hope not, captain. If you are king's men you maintain that you are upholding the law. If you are parliamentary, you swear the same thing."

"We swear not at all."

"Then I surmise you are no king's men. But, in any case, until one or other of you have declared war against Scotland, or until Scotland has declared war against either of you, or both, you meddle with a fre citizen of Scotland at your peril."

"It is perhaps wisest to indulge in no threats."

"I am not indulging in any. I am

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stating a plain, uncontrovertible fact, that would be held by none so stoutly as by General Cromwell himself."
"Then keep your dissertations on law until you see the general, which is like to happen before we are done with you."

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have a discourse with that distinguished man. He is a fighter after my own heart, and I understand he is equally powerful in con-'Search him."

To this order Armstrong not only made no objection, but assisted in its fulfilment. He took off his doublet and threw it to one of the men who approached him, then held his arms out-

and was off like the wind, Armstrong watching the pair with a glow of admiration in his eyes. Although unused Lord has other use for him. Lead the nitration in his eyes. Although unused to the life of a camp, he was much struck by the absence of any attempt at secrecy in the proceedings. There was no effort to bewilder the prisoner or make a mystery of the affair. That his advent had been expected was perhis advent had been expected was perdent. They had been watching for him and now they had him. There was no military fuss about the matter, and apparently very little discipline, yet instant and unquestioned ofedience, without accompaniment of formal deference to anthority or the sampleying the state of furniture, with the exception of a high-backed carried him into the great dining room, one end of which was occupied by the shattered window, while the other was crossed by a gallery.

The vast room was almost completely bare of furniture, with the exception of a high-backed carried him into the great dining room, one end of which was occupied by the shattered window, while the other was crossed by a gallery. without accompaniment of formal deference to authority, or the genuflexions of salute to superiors. But underneath it all was a hint of power and efficiency Armstrag and Armstrag and the superiors of the house conductive with the exception of a high-backed carved chair, which doubtless belonged to it, and a stout oaken table taken from some other part of the house conductive to the companion of the house conductive to the conductive t clency. Armstrong realized that he was in the clutch of an admirably constructed human machine that knew what it wanted and went straight for

call rang out and its effect was soon apparent. An accounted horse was led to the captain, who sprang into his place with the ease of one accustomed to the feat, and from the buildings apeared something like a score of mount ed troopers.
"Get into your saddle!" commanded

addressing Armstrong. The latter tested the buckling, which a soldier had just finished, drew up the strap a point, then with his foot in the stirrup turned and asked: "Am I to consider myself a prisoner, sir?"

whatever questions you wish to put will be answered presently by one higher in authority than I."

"He is very a youth, I am told?" "I must protest against this deten-

"Your protest will doubtless be considered by the officer I referred to."
"General Cromwell, I surmise?"

one delegated by him. Mount,

biton Manor, a large country house, which was seemingly the headquarters of a considerable section of the army across country to Rudby Hall." "And was arrested there?"

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"No. excellency. An unlooked-for event happened. He rode out from the grounds of the hall, fighting his way, as it happened, against a band of Rudpart of his captors to starve him.

CHAPTER X.

Gripped. The owner of the mansion of Corbi-ton had been Richard Sir Richard Cor-biton, one of the first to fall under the piton, one of the first to fall under the pikes of Cromwell's men. Now it was heavily garrisoned by the Roundheads, as Armstrong surmised from the sounds of singing that rang out through the night. But suddenly the noise as Armstrong surmised from the sounds of singing that rang out through the night. But suddenly the noise ceased. For a sentinel had pounded on "He maintained he was no traitor, the door with the butt of his pike, cry-

Peace within there; the general is



this advent had been expected was per-fectly clear, and that a written de-scription of his person had been distrib-tuted along the border was equally evi-

what it wanted and went straight for general gazed about the ample apart it. No one had spoken except the cap-tain, yet every man was on the alert to do whatw as required of him in-stantly, capably and in silence.

At a word from the captain a bugle

"Yes, excellency. He came at sun"Yes, excellency. He came at sunti."
"Is he sure of his man?"
"No, general."

"Is he sure of his man?"

'He appears to be so, sir."
'Were any papers found on him?"
'Yes, excellency."

"He is very young, excellency."
"How came he to be set on an fin portant outward post that night?

"There was no danger of attack, and I placed him there of deliberate pur pose. He was most reluctant to so making one excuse and then another we have far to go."

Armstrong leaped into the saddle and the troop set off, with the captain at the head and himself in the midst of the troop set off, with the captain at the head and himself in the midst of the head hear second in the hear s it. The was no chance of escape, proof. He had been seen stealing away even it be medicated such an attempt, from the domain of Lord Rudby, the which apparently he did not. The di-chief of the disaffected in this district. recties 'ended south and east, and as On the night in question he was the sun -as setting they came to Cor- watched, and as soon as he supposed

> and ran into the arms of our men were watching for him. The attacking party, seeing, as they supposed, an unknown force of rescuers, turned and

but did not give any explanation of his

"The sentence was just. It may yet Stafford?"

"Yes, excellency "In that very blood is hatred of the people, contumely and all arrogance. At heart he must be a royalist. And yet—passed and yet—where was he brought up?"
"On the estate of Sir John Warburton, dead these some years back. Warbur-ton was his grandfather.

Where is the Warburton estate? "It adjoins the lands of Rudby." "A-h. Is the boy's mother living? No. His only relative is a sister

"Is there not a chance the boy was on "It was thought not. She has been at liberty to visit him here, and has n various occasions.

"Has Wentworth ever been in ac "Oh, yes, excellency, and he acquitted himself bravely enough."
"No banging back; no wavering in the face of the foe?"

"No, excellency."
"Humph. Send Captain Bent to pre with the papers. When he is gone, I wish you to bring me a trooper, some able until it stood lengthwise with the silent man who can be depended upon.

"He made no protest, then?"
"He said England and Scotland were at peace, that he therefore needed no passport; that his arrest was illegal,

were at this end of the table, sir,"
Cromwell moved the further candle to a place beside its fellow, then stood again on the spot his prisoner would

"That is well, sir." said the man in

Armstrong, with a low bow, did what ne was requested to do and returned to his place beside the table.

"I fear I must begin with an apology, form of speech to which I am un-coustomed. You have been stopped quite without just cause and I trust you have met with no inconvenience nor harsh treatment in consequence." "With neither, General Cromwell, if I am not at fault in so addressing you. I am jealous there are not two such men as you in the army of the par-

Cromwell paid no heed to the com-pliment, if such was intended, but al-though his voice was suave, his keen

pleased to believe my army has ever been an upholder of it, paying for what it requires in sound money even when the wages of the soldier were scant and in arrear. The requisitions and conroom, instead of across as before, glanced at the gailery and table, as if making some computation regarding their relative positions, drew up the chair and seated himself, setting the two candles by the edge farthest from the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined them with great minuteness by the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined them with great minuteness by the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined them with great minuteness by the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined them with great minuteness by the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined them with great minuteness by the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined them with great minuteness by the light of the candles, then set them to the troopers of the Lord. It amined the troopers o fiscations which have followed like a plague the track of the king's forces, devastating the country like the lo-

"Has Captain Bond arrived with his ment of any kind. "Indeed, I know little of English isoner?"
"Yes excellency He came at sup."
"Yes excellency He came at sup." pouch and a purchasing brain in his head is the chap I'm looking for, be royalist or parliamentarian."

"It is commendable traffic with which

I have no desire to interfere. You know of no reason then for your arrestment by my stupid captain, Ephralm Brent?"

bore a matchlock. Cromwell dismissed Porlock, then said to the trooper:

"You will take your place in that gallery and remain, there, making no sound. Keep your sars shut, and your eyes open. A man will be standing before me. If I raise my hand thus you will shoot him dead. See that you make no mistake, and I warn you to shoot straight. Go!"

The trooper without a word mounted to the gallery, and the general, rising, went round the table, standing on the other side.

"Can you see plainly?" he cried to

other side.

"Can you see plainly?" he cried to the man aloft.

"It would be better if both candles the grim face of the general as this apparently simple tale went on. He parently simple tale went on. He leaned his elbow on the table and shaded his face with his open hand from the light of the two candles, thumb under chin and forefinger along

"I see no objection," continued Armall arms and had taken the outh to re- bowed over some pages of manuscript, I troduced, but in the course of the talk I enemies admit I am an honest trader main neutral?"

on which he was busily writing. The gathered that the one who had the I will bargain with you for your life.

"There was a great splore about a spy that escaped, and I have no doubt it he saw me there and heard the proposal made to me he might well have brought my name and description across the border. At least that was the way I reasoned it out with my-self."

"It is very like you are right. Spies, unfortunately, seem to be necessary when a country is in a state of war. Many unjustifiable acts are then committed, including the arresting of innocent men, but I am anxious nothing shall be done that will give just cause of offense to Scotland, a God-fearing country and a friendly. When such injustice happens, as it has happened in your case, I try to make amend. How far south do you propose to travel?"

"I may go to the length of Manchester or Birmingham. The distance and the time will depend on the state of trade."

"If you will tell me the places you intend to visit I will include them in the pass I shall now write for you."
"That I cannot just say at the moment. I wish to follow trade whereever it leads me."

"Then an inclusive pass, extending as far south as Manchester, will meet

your needs?' "It will more than meet them, gen-al," said Armstrong with supreme in-

'It is barely possible."

into the dim council chamber.

With hands clasped behind him and head bent he strode slowly up and down the long room in deep meditation, vanishing into the gloom at the further end and reappearing in the limited circle of light that surrounded the two candles, for the torches had long since searched the prisoner like an east smoked themselves out, and there had been no replacement of them, for none further annoyance if you intend to travel about the country, for I will give you a pass likely to prevent such a mistake in future. You are in the cattle trade, I am told?"

"Yes, general."

"Tis an honest occupation and I am pleased to believe my army has ever in the stopping of chains any property of the passed to believe my army has ever intended the new arrival, who was presented. dared enter that room, unsummoned

This time a clanking of chains and ounced the new arrival, who was preceded by Colonel Porlock and accompanied by two soldiers, one on either side of him. The young fellow, who shuffled up to the table, dragging his rons, cast an anxious look at the for-oldding face of the man who was to be his final judge; in whose word lay life or death for him, and he found there little to comfort him. Cromwell seated himself once more and said gruffly: "Take off those fetters."

When the command was complied with the general dismissed the trio and sat for some moments in silence, read ing the frank, open face of his opposite

like a poster on a wall.
"You are to be shot at daybreak to You morrow," he began in harsh tones that echoed dismally from the rafted ceiling. This statement contained no in-"Humph! Was he thoroughly searched? Are you sure he had no other papers than these?"
"Quite sure, general."
"Very good. Bring the man herc. If it is shut, wait until you are called."
When the captain left the room the colonel entered with his trooper, who bore a matchlock. Cromwell dismissed Porlock, then said to the trooper:
"You will take your place in that gallery and remained to half where I had been appears to half where I had been appears the force, even when sentence of death was pronounced with such solemnity by the court. There was a careless inflection in the words, which showed that the speaker cared not one pin whether the human for the English line, I stopped for refreshment at an inn where I had been alsent contained no information for the youth, but the raven's croak sent a shiver through his frame, and somehow the tidings brought a terror that had been absent before, even when sentence of death was pronounced with such solemnity by the court. There was a careless inflection in the words, which showed that the speaker cared not one pin whether the human for the Figlish line, I stopped for refreshment at an inn where I had been absent defining this statement contained no information for the youth, but the raven's croak sent a shiver through his frame. And somehow the tidings brought a terror that had been absent before, even when sentence of death was pronounced with such solemnity by the court. There was a careless inflection in the words, which showed that the speaker cared not one pin whether the human before him for the youth, but the raven's croak sent a shiver through his frame. And somehow the tidings brought a terror that had been absent before, even when sentence of death was pronounced with such solemnity by the court. There was a careless inflection in the formation for the youth, but the raven's croak sent a shiver through his frame.

the same strain of voice;
"I have examined the evidence and I find your condemnation just, The boy remembered that his father had met death bravely, asking no mercy and receiving none, and the thought nerved him. If this man had merely brought him here to make death more bitter by taunting him, it was at unworthy action; so, moistening his

lips twice before they would obey his "I have never questioned the ver-dict, general, nor did I make appeal." The shaggy brows came down over Cromwell's eyes, but his face cleared

cleared perceptibly.

"You own the penalty right?"

"Sir. it is partly right and partly wrong, like most things in this world. his temple. At this point in the discourse he interrupted:
"I suppose you wish to mention no names?"
"Sir. It is partly right and partly wrong, like most things in this world. It is right to punish me for describing names?"

"My post; it is wrong to brand me a

"Umph! What version did Wentworth give of the affair?"
"He maintained he was no traitor, but did not give any explanation of his absence from duty."
"I thought Rudby had surrendered ill arms and had taken the path to re-'Ah, you have found your voice at

most to say was Henderson, a minister of Edinburgh, who spoke much, as was to be expected from his trade. Welling these gentlemen, finding I was for England, asked me to carry a message to the king, but I explained that I had not concern me, and they parted to meet again somewhere else."

"Do you know where?"

"Think in Lord Traquair's own castle, but of that I am not sure."

"This is interesting. We shall, of course, try to prevent any messenger reaching the king, but I do not understeamd why you connect the incident at the inn with your detention."

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"You are truthful and it pleases me. Why did you make a foolish mystery of your excursiors? I take the case to save him from the destruction he merits. You are set to do him the greatest service one man can offer ansort the cause of the people, this oppression, the king, but I do not understand why you connect the incident at the same of the people will be a save him from the destruction he merits. You are set to do him the greatest service one man can offer ansort the cause of the people, this oppression, the face of his probably a long life before him, is questioner and something almost resembling a laugh came from his firm lips.

"There speaks youth," cried Crom-the him well impatiently. "There speaks youth," or have him salm almost well impatiently. "There speaks youth," or led Crom-the him the description of the king, but I had to have the same had a fair fight and slay him, or have him had fair greated from the face of the well impatiently. "There speaks youth," or led Crom-the him the him to describ the sembling a laugh came from his firm lips.

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"In a measure, sir, it does, saving any reflection on my lady, who—"
"Surely, surely. I know what you would say for I was once your age and as soaked in folly. The question is, if, you will risk your life for her, will you do what I ask of you' to earn the girl and your life, or will you refuse, and let her go to another?"
"Sir, I will do anything for her."
"Then hearken well. There was here before me where your measurement wished and harmlessness, for you are to begin the server wished and harmlessness, for you are to beguite deepti, and yet suffer the de-

let her go to another?"

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"Then hearken well. There was here before me, where you now stand, some moments since, the most plausible liar in the kingdom. He told me truths, which on the surface appeared to be treachery to his "riend, but which he was well aware I already knew. This was to baffle me into believeing him. He rides to Oxford to see the king, and in that I am willing to aid him. He may tell the king what pleases him, and those who send him—little good will it do any of them. In return the king is to give him a commission, to be handed to certain lords in Scotland. If that commission crosses the border we are like to have a blaze to the north of us. commission crosses the border we are like to have a blaze to the north of us. which I do not wish to see kindled until a year from now, then, by God—then, by God's will, I shall be ready for them. We shall defeat the Scots in any case, but if this commission reaches, these malcontents, we can not have the pleasure—humph—we shall be precluded from the duty of beheading the ring-leaders, without bringing on ourselves The commander took up his pen, but paused, and still shading his face, scrutinized the man before him.

"As I am not likely to see you again, perhaps it would be as well not to limit it to Manchester. You may wish to travel further south when you reach that town?"

from the duty of beheading the ring-leaders, without bringing on ourselves the contumely of Europe. Without the king's commission they are but broilers—marauders. With this commission they will set up the claim that they are belligerents. Too you understand that town?"

"Perfectly general."

"It is barely possible."

"As you carry no message from Traquir to the king, I can write Oxford on your permit as easily as Manchester."

"Thank you, general, but Manchester will be far eonugh."

"I may say that we ar strict about those whom we allow to journey to and fro at the present time, and if you should overstep the limit of this document you are liable to investigation and delay, and I am not likely to be so near at hand on the next occasion."

"I quite understand, and if I wished your excellency, but I doubt if I shall govern see Manchester."

"William Armstrong is the messenty was the crossed the border to go further south I found have no besitation in begging permission of your excellency, but I doubt if I shall govern see Manchester."

"William Armstrong is the messenty was and houghly now and broughly now and brough the had shown himself to be the one strong man in his council; I arrest the order to fire at your breast, though you are yet unproven. See that you do not disappoint me."

Cromwell felded the pass and handed it to young Wentworth.

"Go. This paper is your safeguard. I shall give the order that, you are to be well mounted and provided with money. Send Captain Bent twas standing begins to travel between Carlisle and Manchester. When he had finished with the messenty of the one strong man in his council; I arrest the order to fire at your breast, though you are yet unproven. See that you do not disappoint me."

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Once more alone, Cromwell below writing, Captain Bent twas standing begins to travel between Carlisle and Manchester. When he had finish "Perfectly, general."

been that of the honest soldier, with less, because this men, south of his little to suggest the fervent exhorter.

After giving him laconic instructions surreptitiously to Oxford, and by unbidding his enforced guest a cordial farwell, ordered Wentworth to be brought to him and retired once more brought to him and retired once him and retired once pass so broad that it will cover any disguise either of you may care to assume. It is such a pass as I have never issued before and am not like to issue again, so I need not warn you to when the animal was brought to the

took up a sheet of paper on which he horsemen behind me, he disappeared had been writing, and holding it so once more into the night as he had that the light from the candles fell come.

(To be Continued.)

You shall buy it of me and I shall pay and one other without question or interference even though I do not forgive the crime.

"We will first, if you please, clear up"

"The journey south will give you the

"We will first, if you please, clear up the charge of treachery. You were visiting your own home that night, and as it is on the further side of Rudby Hall your ancestors naturally thought you had a rendezvous there?"

"No, general, it was my intention to have visited Rudby Hall."

"The residence of that foul malignant."

Lord Rudby, so-called?"

"Yes, but not to see his lordship, who is my enemy, personal as well as political."

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the horrors of prolonged war to save the feelings of a border rufflan, who

mission combines the two attributes, wisdom and harmlessness, for you are to beguile deceit, and yet suffer the deceiver to pass on his way scathless. You save your country, and at the same time save your country's enemy, forgiving them that persecute you. What excuse will you give to Armstrong for your desire to visit Oxford?" "My friend, the son of Lord Rudby, is there. Although we are on opposite sides, he has none of the bitterness against me shown by his father. I will say I wish to confer with him." "That will serve. Now, this pass is for two, and you can offer to Arristrong safe conduct under your guidance, giving what plea you choose fathe absence of the man who was accompany you, and who, it may be, was supposed to have procured this pass from me. Whatever difficulties arise on the journey must be met as they advance, and in so meeting them, will come into play whatever gifts of ingenuity you may possess. "If you show yourself worthy and

ingenuity you may possess.
"If you show yourself worthy and diplomatic there is scarcely limit to what you may attain in the councils of the future. what you may attain in the councils of your country. The need of the future is capable men, men earnest in well doing, energetic in action, prompt in decision, unwavering in execution. In the hope of finding you one such. I snatch you from the scaffold. The king eravenly bent your father's neck to the block, although he had shown himself to be the one strong man in his coun-

puching the welfare of the northerner, frequented routes. It will be your duty der such service to the state as will to Captain Bent, who was hovering unto become acquainted with Armstrong
annul the sentence against him. You
easily in the outside hall. Cromwell,
and win his confidence. You will acbidding his enforced guest a cordial
company him to Oxford and return
guest a cordial

guard it carefully and use it only when lawn the general mounted with some necessar:

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